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Port Arthur Reported To Have Fallen

St. Petersburg, May 7.—The receipt of news at any time of a decisive battle near Fengwangcheng will not cause surprise here and already rumors are circulated in the city, which however lack confirmation and are believed to be untrue, that a battle has been fought, that the Japanese have been defeated with heavy loss and that General Kuropatkin was wounded. Another rumor is in circulation that Port Arthur has been captured, but this is also scouted in responsible quarters.

Loudly Praise The Japanese

British Press Express Great Admiration of Brilliant Strategy.

Mikado's Third Army Corps Has Yet to Make Its Appearance.

London, May 7.—The British press is loud in its expressions of admiration for the brilliant Japanese strategy in dealing, in rapid succession, three great blows—the battle of the Yalu, the sealing of Port Arthur and the landing at Pitsuevo—and the development of these opening moves is awaited with the greatest interest. It is considered to be not unlikely that the primary object will be an assault upon Port Arthur and an endeavor to capture the Russian fleet there. This idea is favored by Henry Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post, a man well posted on Japanese affairs. Other journals say the Japanese will be content to place a small force as a mask at Port Arthur, and will send their main force from Pitsuevo to co-operate with General Kuroki's army, in which case, if the Russian assertion that large reinforcements have been sent to Fengwangcheng is true, a great and decisive battle is imminent there or at Liaoyang.

It is believed that it is Japan's second army that landed at Pitsuevo, and that the destination of the third army corps is still to be revealed.

Practically no further news of any kind has reached London beyond belated despatches from correspondents with the Japanese on the Yalu.

The Daily Chronicle's Tokyo correspondent asserts that simultaneously with the attack on Port Arthur and the mainland, as a protection to their landing place, the Japanese laid cables between one of the islands and the mainland.

The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Tokyo says the nine sunken ships at Port Arthur were laden with a mass of stone and cement.

The correspondent of the Standard at Tientsin telegraphs that Vice-roy Alexieff has called upon the Tartar general and all the officials at Fengtien to quit that place immediately.

PHOTOS OF DOWAGER EMPRESS

London, May 6.—The Standard's Tientsin correspondent says it is reported that the Dowager Empress of China has consented to sit for her photographs in order that people may be able to worship the imperial image, as is done in Japan.

FOOD SCARE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Chiofoo, May 6.—A native Sikh of British India, who left Port Arthur a week ago, has arrived here. He says that in the inner harbor at Port Arthur there are seven damaged Russian warships, including the battleships Retzovian, Zarevitch and Pobieda, and the cruisers Pallada and Bayan. The small dock at the Tiger's Tail has been completed. The Russians at Port Arthur are now experiencing difficulty in obtaining food. A former officer of the Chinese army, who has returned here from Manchuria, is authority for the statement that there are less than 75,000 Russian troops, including the garrison at Port Arthur, and the men on the Yalu, south of Harbin, and that the Russians now occupy a strongly fortified position between Kuliengcheng and Fengwangcheng.

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GEORGE MILLER LOCATED.

Heir to More Than \$100,000 Found in California Hospital.

New York, May 6.—After a search covering the whole of the United States George Miller, heir to more than \$100,000, left him after he had been exiled from Brooklyn for having been found at last. While agents of his father's executors were looking for him all over the west, he was tossing in delirium in a bed in the Sacramento county hospital in Sacramento, Cal. He is still in that institution, slowly recovering from a long run of typhoid fever. Miller does not know that his father is dead. The search for Miller was brought to an end today, when a friend in Brooklyn received a letter from the young man telling of his long illness. The letter was taken at once to the executors of the Miller estate and the young man will be brought home as soon as he is able to travel. Miller has sisters to share with him the fortune of his father, which is estimated at nearly a million dollars.

THE IMPRISONED MINERS.

Further Particulars of the Fire in Reading Coal Company's Mine.

Shamokin, Pa., May 6.—Five miners are entombed and believed to be dead as a result of a fierce fire which, burning in the Locust Gap colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company. They are: John Boglan, Michael Boglan, Michael Shannon, John Debo and William Miskie. The fire started last night in the slope, and Massackie, Shannon and the Boglans were cut off from escape before they were warned. Rescuing parties were at once set to work, and up to tonight their efforts to bring out the men have been unsuccessful. Debo, notwithstanding the protests of others, went far into the workings, and has not been heard of since, and it is believed he has succumbed to the flames. The fire is burning fiercely tonight. Some officials think the men will be found smothered to death, while some of the miners are of the opinion that they are safe in old abandoned workings.

Bradstreet's Trade Report

Improved Weather Conditions East Brighten Up Business.

Satisfactory State of Affairs at Pacific Coast Points.

Toronto, May 6.—Bradstreet's trade review says: Wholesale trade at Montreal is improving. This is to some extent due to the fact that the weather. Shipments are larger and considerable quantities of freight have accumulated to be moved. The demand for staple goods continues large and well distributed. The West has been buying large quantities of goods, but the late opening of navigation at the head of Lake Superior, the shipments hence are being delayed. The higher temperatures of late have stimulated the demand for seasonal goods. The outlook for trade is bright.

Trade at Toronto is showing an increasing movement in some important departments, the finer weather having stimulated the movement. The sorting trade is more active now, the purchases having been stimulated by the warmer weather. Values of staple and imported goods here are held with increasing firmness, owing to the recent reduction of stocks by the fire and the fear that there will be a shortage in supplies. There is a better investment demand for dividend-paying home securities and bonds, and prices have continued to advance this week. A good many complaints of fall wheat being winter killed are coming to hand. Building operations are active.

At Quebec the little improvement is noticeable in trade conditions over that of the previous week. Favorable weather has had an effect on city trade, which is reported a little better. Remittances are still behind. Shoe manufacturers, as a rule, are busy and likely to be for some time yet.

At Victoria, Vancouver and other Pacific coast centres, trade, as reported to Bradstreet's, is fairly active now. Shipments to the North continue of good volume, and the demand from the large centres of trade and from the retailers in the various towns of the province is quite active. The lumber trade is dull. Several American lumbermen have been looking into the prospects in British Columbia with a view to purchases, but feel that, under the new regulations, it would be difficult to profitably ship logs to Puget sound. Real estate transactions are numerous and the market is active. Active preparations are being made for a heavy salmon pack. Payments are fair.

The most encouraging feature in Winnipeg conditions have been the finer weather and activity in seedling operations, and the outlook for an increase in the production of grain this year is more promising. There has been better demand for dry goods, hardware, etc., to sort stocks owing to the fine weather. Values in these lines are firm.

The demand for staple goods for current requirements of trade in Hamilton jobbing circles continue to expand. Shipments have now reached large proportions and goods are being sent to various important centres of the Dominion. The movement would be even larger than it is at present if navigation to the head of Lake Superior were open. Reports from retail trade centres are more promising. Remittances, in common with other trade centres, are improving a little, but there is room for more improvement. Prices of staple goods are firm.

At London there is a fair amount of activity in wholesale trade. The fine weather has improved the demand for dry goods to sort stocks. Retailers are buying more liberally in hardware and other staple lines, and the outlook generally for trade is encouraging. Prices are firm.

There has been, according to Bradstreet's reports, a still larger demand for some lines of goods at Ottawa this week, and the wholesale trade is busy making shipments to retailers, who are not more anxious to secure supplies since the weather has improved the sale of seasonal goods. Values are generally firmly held.

LAIRD OF SKIBBO'S LOYALTY.

Ironmaster Praises the Good Work of Britain's King.

London, May 6.—At the dinner of the Iron and Steel Institute tonight the guests included the Duke of Argyll, Earl Grey, Earl of Glasgow, Lord Chief Justice Alverstone, Lord Kelvin, Lord Hugh Cecil and Seth Low, former mayor of New York. Andrew Carnegie, who presided, said it was largely because the occupant of the British throne knew other lands so well and made friends everywhere, that they saw great and beneficial changes occurring in the mutual relations of these lands. He hoped that nothing would ever disturb the satisfactory relationship between the motherland with the United States. The next meeting of the institute will be held in New York city.

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Fortress Is Impregnable

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elusions have been tried with Kuroki. It is not anticipated, however, that the Japanese will march northward, but they will, it is believed, devote their energies to effect the fall of Port Arthur.

THE RIOTS IN POLAND.

Warsaw, May 6.—Chief of Police Lik-hacheff has been dismissed for incompetence because of the disturbances of last week. Polish secret organizations have recently been showing great activity.

News Notes of The Dominion

A Caustic Criticism of French Canadian Legislators Is Revoked.

Troubles in Building Trades at Montreal Still Continue.

Montreal, May 6.—The people of Verdun claims \$200,000 damages from the city of Montreal, which is alleged to be responsible for the flood of this spring which did a great deal of damage to Verdun. The city claims that it is not in the least responsible, and that the fault lay entirely with Verdun itself, not taking precautions to protect itself. The feature of the building trades strike today was the announcement that pending a settlement of the strike work would be suspended on the Bank of Montreal building. Since the erection of the St. James street front of the building was begun there have been three strikes called upon it and the contractors have made up their minds that this sort of thing has to stop and stop for good. Accordingly the work decided that there will be no more done until the strikers have made up their minds to go back to work and to stay at work. The building is sufficiently advanced for occupation.

FRENCH CANADIAN POLITICS.

Quebec, May 6.—The charge against Ald. Vallieres of Montreal, accused of having caused the destruction of the Quebec legislature, were bolder, and that he as a French Canadian was ashamed of the fact that the only Canadian legislature in which his countrymen preponderated bore the worst reputation of all was settled today when Mr. Prevost, the member who laid the charge, accepted the declaration of Vallieres that he had not said anything of the kind.

LARGE FAILURE.

London, Ont., May 6.—Wm. Fair, which controls eight stores in different parts of the province, has failed with liabilities of \$136,000.

Edwin H. Seavitt, a carpenter, is dead from blood poisoning caused by getting a sliver of wood into his hand.

SAWMILLER'S BURN.

Durham, May 6.—Crawford's sawmill, saws and door factory, was totally destroyed by fire last night; loss \$12,000. Insurance \$1,000.

ST. JOHN SHIPPING.

St. John, May 6.—During the winter season just closed 96 steamer cargoes were sent out, the tonnage being 50,000 tons. In 1903, Canadian products shipped were \$10,155,813, and foreign goods \$7,222,376. Practically the whole of this traffic was handled by the C. P. R.

STRIKE IN BREWERY.

Toronto, May 6.—About 100 brewery workers employed in "Keele & Reiss" hard levellers are on a strike to force the company to recognize the union.

RAILROAD MAN DEAD.

Halifax, May 6.—Richard F. Armstrong, city ticket agent of the Intercolonial railway and one of the best known railway men in the Dominion died today aged 62 years.

WINNIEPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, May 6.—Kempsey House Laundry, Manitoba, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$7,000; no insurance. Jas. Lindsay, lessee, had \$1,000 insurance on furniture.

A King's warehouse opens here on the 15th inst., relieving the congestion in the bonded warehouses.

Wheat along points of the main line of the C. P. R. is an inch above the ground.

A. E. Barre, formerly in the jewelry business here and in Halifax, is expected in to serve five years in the penitentiary for cattle stealing at Macleod, Alberta.

The Canadian Mounted Rifles at Calgary will be raised from 54 to 80 men, to be commanded by a major.

THE BABY'S TROUBLES.

The greatest suffering of childhood is caused by eczema, scald head, chafing or other forms of skin irritation or eruption. Because of its discomfort, itching, and healing power, Chase's Ointment is of inestimable value in the home where there are small children. No mother who has learned the secrets of ways in which Dr. Chase's Ointment can be used would think of being without it in the house.

"What can I do for my little boy?" asked mamma. "So that he won't have to be between meals?" "Have the meals nicker together," replied the greedy young man.—Glasgow Evening Times.

Have you a Refrigerator? Just drop in and see the latest variety we have on show for this season. We think we have the best kind on the market; but we would like your opinion. They are priced from \$12.00 upwards, at Weller Bros., Government street, Victoria, B. C.

Miss Bizzey—I notice you're cleaning house, Mrs. Newcombe, and was afraid you might be tempted to throw your rubbish out on the back lot. I just wanted to say that we don't do that sort of thing here.

Mrs. Newcombe—I burned all our rubbish in the furnace this morning. Miss Bizzey, including an old book of "etiquette" which I might have saved for you.—Philadelphia Press.

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Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the First Methodist church of Elizabeth City, N.C., has thrown condemnation into his flock by a mandate withdrawing the consents. A street carnival is in progress in Elizabeth City, and many church people have bought chances on a piano and gold watch to be awarded by lot. Mr. Tuttle says all who hold tickets must turn them up before breaking bread with God's people.

THE RECENT FIRE AT GOLDEN CITY

Business Portion of Town Was In Great Danger—Local News.

Golden, B. C., May 4.—A disastrous fire occurred here today, when the new business block, shortly to be occupied by the Golden & East Kootenay Trading Company as a general store, was burned to the ground. The fire started while the workmen were at dinner. Its origin is uncertain. Nothing could be done to save the buildings, but by hard and persevering work the fire was kept from spreading, although at one time the business part of the town seemed doomed. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, partially covered by insurance.

Mr. C. A. Warren, merchant, is also a heavy loser. Mr. Warren's warehouse, across the street from the burning building, was destroyed with a great part of its contents. The ladies of the Methodist church gave a very good entertainment last evening to a crowded house. Their pastor, Rev. J. A. Laidley, is to leave Golden in another month. He and his good lady will be greatly missed by the citizens generally. They are very highly esteemed.

Rev. W. A. Campbell of the Presbyterian church, has resigned his charge and has left this week for his old home in Ontario. Mr. Campbell's work in Golden has been faithfully done and with marked ability. The sincerest good wishes of the community follow him.

Arrangements are under way for supplying the town with electric light, the power to be supplied from a mountain stream tributary to the Columbia.

The warm, fine weather of the last few weeks is having its effect in opening of the forest leaves and the bloom of the earliest flowers. Our springs are pleasant; the roads are never muddy as a result of rain or melting snow, owing to the sandy soil.

The very warm weather of three weeks ago, which melted the snow so quickly, has asserted the danger of a flood in June, it is thought, although the C. P. R. and the traveling public had to undergo those disastrous slides. The near heights of the Rockies on the northeast of our valley are getting bare, but the Selkirk peaks still keep their white covering of eternal snow.

"And do you think," he asked, "that men progress after death?" "Well," she replied, "if they don't it would almost seem useless for some of them to die."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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CATES—Victoria, B. C., May 6, 1904, the wife of James W. Cates, of a son.

YOUNG—At Vernon, on the 22nd ult., the wife of D. R. Young, of a son.

COCHRANE—At Vernon, on the 2nd inst., the wife of Maurice Cochrane, of a daughter.

DIED.

SANBOURNE—At Kelowna, on the 21st ult., Miss L. Sanbourn, sister-in-law of Dr. Boyce.

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Canadian Pacific Railway Company

Pacific Division, Office of the General Superintendent.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Tenders are invited for the construction of a wharf and warehouse for this Company at Victoria. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Captain J. W. Troup, Victoria, and at the office of the Division Engineer, Vancouver, on and after Monday, the 9th instant. Tenders to be in by noon of Monday, May 10th, and to be addressed to Mr. G. H. Webster, Division Engineer, Vancouver. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

B. MARPOLE, General Superintendent, Vancouver, B. C., May 6th, 1904.

Major (Indignantly)—"What do you mean, sentinal, by sleeping at your post? If the enemy should appear you would be lost." Sentinal—"Don't worry, major. I haven't an enemy in the whole city."—L'Espresso Blatter.

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Beauteous Scenes Of California

Secretary Cuthbert of the Tourist Association Tells of Southern Trip.

Victoria May Proudly Compare Her Beauties With Golden States.

Last evening in the city hall, Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Victoria Tourist Association, delivered an illustrated address to a very much interested audience on his recent tour through California on behalf of the Tourist Association.

Mayor Barnard occupied the chair, and opened the evening's entertainment with an excellent address on the work of the Tourist Association, and the great importance of the Victoria people realizing the value of the tourist traffic to their city. He hoped that the lessons and hints which the lecturer would give them that night would be applied in earnest by the citizens of Victoria.

Mr. Cuthbert, who traveled as far south as San Diego on his trip, opened his lecture with a number of scenes of that beautiful country thrown upon the screen by Mr. Fleming, the Government street photographer. The lecturer had interviewed all sorts of people, particularly the managers of the great hotels, the magnificent Hotel Del Coronado, at Coronado Beach, San Diego, was shown, and a number of very interesting statistics were given.

Then Los Angeles and Pasadena, the latter with its superb hostilities, the Green and the Raymond. Mr. Cuthbert showed some lovely views of Pasadena, and strongly urged upon the Victorians the propriety of copying that beautiful city by boulevarding its streets, throwing down its fences, and laying broad cement sidewalks, bordered with lovely emerald green lawns, and improvement in the appearance of the city would be simply beyond description. Heartily applause greeted this practical suggestion. No language, Mr. Cuthbert said, could describe adequately the beauties of Pasadena, with its shaded boulevards, its elegant homes, its hedges of roses, geraniums, poinsettias, and glorious palms. It was a fairland of supremely lovely sights, but it had no such climate as Victoria, nor such a variety of scenery. Pasadena is enervating, Victoria is bracing and inspiring. Altadena, over above the glorious San Gabriel valley, is a little Pasadena, nestling at the feet of the Sierra Madre.

Passing on then to Santa Barbara, after a graphic description of the marvellous city of Los Angeles, the rival of San Francisco, and the undisputed metropolis of all Southern California, Mr. Cuthbert showed views of the grand Santa Barbara mission, the beautiful promenade and other sights of that prettiest of California watering places. Mr. Cuthbert had discussed the tourist question with the owner and manager of the famous Hotel Potter, and ascertained that they were accommodating about 500 people at a time in that hotel alone. He then went over to the Hotel Arlington and asked if this big new hotel, the newest and largest of the city, was starting the tourist business. Not a bit, rather improved it. The hotel proprietors of the city said the same thing. Santa Barbara is getting a clear \$5,000,000 a year out of the tourist traffic.

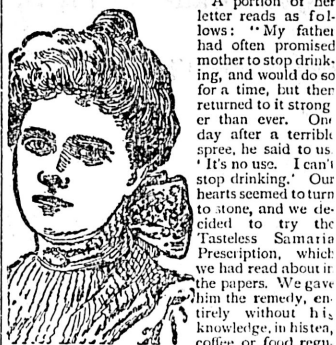
The world-famed Hotel Del Monte, at Monterey Bay, was next shown in a series of views, and its wonders explained. Then Santa Cruz beach, the giant Sequoias in the big grove near by, and many other scenes.

Then came San Francisco and its varied sights. Mr. Cuthbert telling what he had done in the way of selling tourist traffic seed all the way. He had in-

HER FATHER WAS A DRUNKARD

A Plucky Young Lady Takes on Herself to Cure Her Father of the Liqueur Habit.

STORY OF HER SUCCESS.



A portion of her letter reads as follows: "My father had often promised mother to stop drinking, and would do so for a time, but after returned to it strong or rather ever. One day after a terrible spree, he said to us, 'It's no use. I can't stop drinking.' Our hearts seemed to turn to stone, and we decided to try the Taster's Selection Prescription, which we had read about in the papers. We gave him the remedy, entirely without his knowledge, in his coffee or food regularly, according to directions, and he never knew it. One package removed all his desire for liquor, and he says it is now distant. He is now a good man. His health and appetite are also wonderfully improved, and no one would know him for the same man. It is now fifteen months since we gave it to him and we feel sure that the cure is for good. Please send me one of your little books as I want to give it to a friend."

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Directed the management of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company to issue a splendid special advertisement telling of Victoria's attractions. This, said Mr. Cuthbert, was one of the most valuable pieces of work done by him on his tour. It would do Victoria incalculable good.

Mr. Cuthbert then took his audience northward through the Sacramento and Shasta valleys through Portland, Oregon and Washington and to Victoria, a number of scenes of which were shown to the evident enjoyment of the spectators.

Mr. Cuthbert's optimism communicated itself to the audience, and all seemed to be imbued with the belief that the building of the big C. P. R. hotel here would be the commencement of a wonderful era of progress for the city and island.

A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer concluded the proceedings.

EXPERIENCED MOTHERS.

Experienced mothers know that most of the troubles that afflict young children are due to some derangement of the stomach or bowels, and that if the cause is removed the little one will be plump, rosy and happy. For such troubles as indigestion, colic, constipation, diarrhoea, single fevers and teething troubles there is no medicine in the world can equal Baby's Own Tablets. The action of the Tablets is speedy, and above all things safe, as they contain not one particle of opiate or harmful drug. Ask any mother who has used the Tablets, and she will say that they are the best medicine in the world. Mrs. John Gill, Cambrary, Que., says: "After having thoroughly tested Baby's Own Tablets I can say they are the best remedy for the ailments of little ones I have ever used. No mother should be without them in the house. You can get the Tablets from any druggist or they will be sent by mail at 25 cents a box by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

Brown: "Don't get sick, or I'll be forced to pound a little sense into your head." Green: "Huh! It would take a dozen men like you to pound any sense into my head."—Chicago News.

A SENSATION RE BOUNDARY AWARD

Sir Louis Jette Declares Decision Was a Cut and Dried Affair.

The truth is out at last. Canada was unseated in the Alaskan boundary award—led like a lamb to the slaughter by the diplomats of Great Britain and the United States. A copy of the Ottawa Evening Journal, just to hand, contains the following:

Curiously enough, just after Lord Alverstone rose to remark in England this week about the desirability of closer Imperial ties, Sir Louis Jette at Quebec broke silence for the first time on the Alaska award since his return from the arbitration.

Sir Louis Jette, in an address this week to the faculty of Laval University, referred to the award.

"It was diplomacy that triumphed," said Sir Louis. "The question had probably been negotiated and decided in advance." To this indictment the severest ever yet uttered of either Lord Alverstone or the Imperial government, Sir Louis added the raking condemnation: "We were not plenipotentiaries, neither were we diplomats. We did not have the right to make concessions or compromises. We were judges, and were told to interpret the treaty to the letter."

This is not newspaper excitement or shallow news. It is the delivery of an Imperial commissioner, a Canadian judge. It intimates bluntly that Lord Alverstone played a discreditable part. No doubt concealed to himself it might be, by a mistaken assumption as to his own superior wisdom and position, but discreditable we agree. The best Alverstone can do for Imperial unity, so far as Canada is concerned, is to say nothing.

RECORD IN TOWING.

Vancouver Province yesterday said: Completing a record round-trip passage to Skagway with the cattle bulk Henriette in tow, the tug Czar, Capt. Christensen, returned to port this morning at 5 o'clock. Capt. Christensen stated this morning that he made the round trip of 1,734 miles in eleven days and four hours, which is better time than the Henriette ever made before. Throughout the trip the weather was fair. On returning to port the Czar dropped the Henriette at her old anchorage in Coal Harbor. Tonight the Czar will resume service between this port and Ladysmith, towing the barge Transfer No. 1, which, during the absence of the Czar, was served by the tug Mystery.

Capt. Christensen had not visited Skagway for a space of five years until he landed there the other day. He noticed that a great change had come over the settlement since the early days of the Klondike rush. The change was apparently not for the better, as the town was seemingly dead, and it is generally known that it does not in the slightest degree belie its losses. In the summer of 1898 Capt. Christensen was engaged in towing the barge Transfer No. 1 between Vancouver and Pyramid Harbor. On those days the barge used to carry cattle, which were landed at the Pyramid coast terminus of the Dalton trail, thence to be driven over the trail to Dawson. The tug Czar was used for towing, and after discharging her cattle at Pyramid Harbor she used to run up Lynn canal to Skagway to coal her bunkers.

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The most pathetic thing about this business of "overwork"—and it is one of the most common, as well as most deadly of complaints—is that the man who overworks himself would undoubtedly gain more in the end if he worked rationally and endeavored always to have on hand a little extra time and a little extra strength. The men who make great successes are most commonly men who seem to work in a leisurely as well as systematic manner, and who do not let their work drive them.

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THE LUMBER INDUSTRY.

The discussion of the position of the lumber industry in British Columbia that took place in the House of Commons on Wednesday last, appears to have been successful to some extent in arousing attention in Eastern Canada to the serious difficulties with which the industry has to contend. The Toronto "Globe" of Thursday, commenting on the matter, admits that some of the "demands of the lumber interests are reasonable and should receive consideration." It intimates that while Parliament has no power to control or regulate the freight rates, the railway company is lacking in business acumen by discriminating against the mills in the territory traversed by its line. The "Globe" also admits that the disadvantage under which British Columbia lumbermen labor by having to pay a duty ranging from 20 to 30 per cent. on the mill machinery and equipment required for the manufacture of lumber which they have to sell in open competition with their American rivals who are free of such duties, should be removed by the remission of the duty on such articles. But the "Globe" thinks that "there will be strong opposition to the levying of duty" on importations of American lumber as long as "we have a great area of farming lands, in which the lumber supply is a serious problem."

While it is a matter of some satisfaction that we are able to secure an admission from people in Eastern Canada that our important lumbering industry labors under great and serious disadvantages as the result of the present tariff arrangements, it is clear that the "Globe" has not yet grasped the whole problem, or, indeed, the most important detail of it. British Columbia lumbermen are not asking for protection per se. All they suggest is that if the American market can only be reached by them on payment of a duty on their product, that a similar condition shall confront the American lumbermen seeking a market for their lumber in Canada. The lumbermen of this Province are quite willing that there shall be free trade in lumber on both sides of the Boundary instead of the present jagged fiscal arrangement that now exists. The suggestion of the "Globe" that as long as there are large areas of farming lands in Canada on which the lumber supply is a serious problem, the lumber industry of British Columbia must be sacrificed, will not bear examination. It would be more reasonable to propose that until the lumber industry here is placed on equal terms with that across the line by the repeal of the duty on Canadian lumber going into the United States, the farmers of Manitoba and the Northwest should consent to the abolition of the duty on their grain and beef products, which are consumed in our lumber camps, since the duty adds to the cost of the production of the lumber and gives our leading Provincial industry a problem as serious as that which the "Globe" thinks would confront the farmers if the unfair advantage now enjoyed by American lumbermen were withdrawn.

What our lumbermen desire is as free access to the United States market as the American lumbermen have to that in Canada. That will not increase the price of lumber to the farmers of Central Canada, but he likely to decrease it, since the Canadian lumbermen will not only have a larger market but one that will afford them an outlet for certain grades of lumber for which, under present conditions, it is difficult to find a market. But in any case, it is an injustice to British Columbia that her leading industry should be sacrificed for the supposed interests of another section of the Dominion. We say "supposed" because, as a matter of fact, no injury would be caused the people of Manitoba and the Northwest by the lumbermen's request being conceded.

We observe that the Vancouver Board of Trade is supporting the lumbermen's request to the Dominion Government, and it might be well if our Board of Trade took a similar step. The ramifications of the lumber industry in British Columbia are so extensive and varied that anything which interferes with its prosperity is a detriment to the general business community.

CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

There was a belief held by many Canadians that the settlement of the dispute with the French Government over its interpretation of the Treaty of Utrecht in respect to the rights of French fishermen on the shore of Newfoundland, would speedily lead to the reopening of negotiations for the admission of the island into the Canadian Confederation. Yet it is difficult to follow the reasoning on which such a view is based. It would rather seem that the adjustment of the dispute with the French Government would have a contrary effect, since it has been held that if Newfoundland had been a part of the Dominion the trouble caused by the French occupation of her shores would long ago have been ended. Now that it has been settled to the satisfaction, as it appears, of the Legislature and people

of the island, that view, if it ever existed, of the political value of annexation to Canada, must have ceased to operate. In any case the hints that have appeared in the Canadian press that Newfoundland—freed from this French shore incubus—would now be welcomed into the Confederation, have not evoked a favorable response from the Islanders. They have, however, caused the matter to be referred to by leading politicians and business men in Newfoundland and it may be regarded as a fact that there is little sentiment there at present in favor of the union.

Sir Robert Bond, the Premier of Newfoundland, when approached on the subject, said recently that the people of the Island are not "seriously considering" the question and, indeed, that the feeling against confederation is stronger than it was twenty years ago. His statement is corroborated by other testimony of various kinds, among others by that of one of his colleagues in the Government, Mr. Jackman, the Minister of Finance. That gentleman, in an interview with the Toronto Globe, frankly avows his opposition to Newfoundland's union with Canada, and gives his reasons for believing that it would not be in the Island's interest to take such a step. He believes that Newfoundland is better off with the exporters of Canada and the United States competing for her trade than she would be as an integral part of the Dominion. Canadians may consider this is an erroneous view of the matter and that as a part of the greater political, territorial and commercial aggregation, the people of the Island would have larger industrial and commercial opportunities and the general well-being of the country be greatly enhanced. But it is of little use to discuss the matter, while an adverse view to a change is held in Newfoundland.

Meanwhile the trade between Newfoundland and the United States is growing as regards the imports from the latter. It is stated that this to no small extent is the result of the activity of the United States Consul at St. John's in keeping American shippers and manufacturers closely informed of the requirements of the Newfoundland markets. It would seem that the Canadian Government would do well to take a note of this fact and appoint a commercial agent to act in a similar manner in the interests of the traders and manufacturers of the Dominion. It appears to be not improbable that the Bond-Hay convention may after all be approved by the United States senate. But the main object sought to be attained by that arrangement—the admission of Newfoundland's fresh fish into the United States free of duty—can be attained by a scheme now in process of being developed. Under this an American company will engage largely in the business of buying and exporting fish from the Island, building a large cold storage plant and operating a fleet of steamers. By this means and under the sanction of the United States Customs authorities it is expected that the fish will be admitted free of duty whether or not the Bond-Hay convention is concluded. The Newfoundland fishermen will always have a market for their catch, while the company will arrange to have available at all times an ample supply of bait. The Island is at present more prosperous than at any previous period in its history and there is a feeling of pride among its people to remain independent of Canada as the oldest British colony.

The difficulty of getting people to attend a lecture is well known, hence it was not a surprise to find that the audience present at the City hall last night to hear the secretary of the Tourist Association, was not by any means as large as the merits of the lecture warranted. To those who were present the lecture and the beautiful pictures were a revelation, and more's the pity that every man, woman and child in British Columbia cannot be made acquainted with the beauties of their own land as depicted in these magnificent photographs. The educative value of Mr. Catbert's exhibitions can scarcely be over-estimated, and it is to be hoped that a series of these entertainments will be arranged during the summer months and under the auspices of the City Council and Board of Trade.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

VICTORIA, THE BEAUTIFUL!

Sir—"Dispensing with preliminaries," as they say in Eastern times, I venture to ask if some steps could not be taken to complete and perfect what, to my mind, is the chief of Victoria's many beauties, namely, the glorious sea-front drive from the Dalhousie hotel to Oak Bay and in time on to Cadboro Bay?

The incompleteness of the drive as recommended by the debater the road makes from the southwest corner of the cemetery to the corner of Ford Bay road. Now, could not the authorities secure the rights south of the cemetery and so on round to Ford Bay, thus making this drive a thing of beauty and of joy forever, and, I may safely say, one of the most in the world? At present the enforced turn inland seems so unnecessary, as doubtless the line of the existing road was originally chosen with a view to convenience rather than scenic effect. Certainly the change from the grand view of mountain and sea to a somewhat close inspection of the back premises of the Old Men's Home is a transition from things ethereal to things terrestrial.

In the words of the prophet: "A drive like kissing; it is a pleasant thing to do, and it don't cost nothing." Still I feel this mild suggestion is duty I owe to Victoria, and trust it may meet with the approval of those who will subscribe themselves with me, dear Victoria, your ardent admirer,

McWILLISNER.

YATES STREET IMPROVEMENT ???

Sir—There have been numerous letters in the daily papers lately respecting the beautifying the streets and houses looking forward to a large number of tourists during the summer months. I notice that the corporation and the property owners on Yates street from Blanchard to Cadboro Bay road are about to expend over \$12,000 for concrete sidewalks. Now can anyone imagine the effect of the fact of two property owners for the sake of a paltry few dollars a month have rented the two corners of Yates and Blanchard streets to a building which has started two lumber yards right in the centre of the inhabited portion of the street? I do not suppose that the corporation can prevent this, but I do say that the two parties ought to be made to feel themselves. I feel quite sure that if it had been known that they were so pushed for a little of the ready, the inhabitants of Yates street from one end to the other would willingly have subscribed a month each to prevent this. If I was the owner of the property adjoining these lumber yards I should certainly see if the insurance companies could not do something to prevent this,

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What will our Tourist Association think of this?

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MR. DRURY REPLIES.

Sir—Whenever I send any communication to the press it is over my own signature. It is seldom, therefore, that I pay much attention to newspaper correspondents who write anonymous letters; but as one of these individuals has taken liberties with my name and indulged in misrepresentations, it is perhaps well that I should set the matter right before the public. The writer signs himself "Fair Play," but he certainly does not possess the elements of fair play, or, I would not have mistaken my position in a letter to which he has not the courage to attach his name. In my communication to the Times I wrote as follows: "I am quite willing to pay for the water used on my lawns in the summer months, but in the name of common sense and common justice I protest against paying for 3,000 gallons a month for two-thirds of the year when only 3,000 is used."

Now does the individual signing himself "Fair Play" or any other person contend that the position I take is not entirely fair and reasonable? To keep my lawns in condition will require an expenditure for water in the summer time of five or six dollars a month. This amount is perfectly willing to pay for, if I use the water; in other words, I want to pay for whatever amount of water the meter shows has been consumed, let it be \$5 a month or \$10 a month. Now, if I ask "Fair Play" or any fair-minded man, if after paying this amount in the summer months, it is reasonable or just that a consumer should pay during the winter months, I have been doing for three times the amount of water that is actually consumed as shown by the meter.

Then, again, to show the absurdity and injustice of the present regulations, let me state that to my knowledge there are a number of consumers who have water meters and use during the winter season 3,000 gallons a month and less, and are charged a flat rate of \$1.40 per month; whereas other consumers whose meters show that they use 6,000 gallons a month or double what the others use are rated at the same rate. The introduction of meters was surely intended to make consumers pay in proportion to the quantity of water used. As I have far to carry out this principle, I have the public to judge by the foregoing facts, and if the council or other persons in any way responsible for the present system are prepared to justify the existence and continuance of this state of affairs before an intelligent public, they ought to lose no time in doing it before any further expenditure is incurred in purchasing water meters. As I have far to carry out this principle, I have the public to judge by the foregoing facts, and if the council or other persons in any way responsible for the present system are prepared to justify the existence and continuance of this state of affairs before an intelligent public, they ought to lose no time in doing it before any further expenditure is incurred in purchasing water meters.

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entertainment of grand lodge officers and visitors.—Rossland Miner.

A well attended meeting of our business men was held in the City Hall last Tuesday evening to discuss a threatened discrimination against all local merchants by a few self-styled wholesalers of Nelson and its Board of Trade. The meeting was short, witty and to the point. Mayor Grimmett occupied the chair, and on motion C. E. Lyons was appointed secretary. The chairman opening the meeting said he had been approached by some of the leading business men to call the rest together to take action against the agitation on foot by the Nelson wholesalers and the Board of Trade against what would result in injury, if enacted, to all the surrounding merchants outside the city of Nelson.—Sandon Standard.

S. F. McKay of Nelson has agreed to put in a sawmill of 10,000 feet capacity at once, and will get the mill to work as soon as it can be got in. Mr. McKay is an old machinist, having been boiler inspector for the C. P. R. for many years, and has had considerable experience in this line of business. The contract is for one year from the 1st of May. The mill is ready to come in at once, so there will be no delay, and it is hoped that the mill will be running by the middle of next month, on Government street, near the park.—Poplar Nugget.

THE BALL GAME.

Again the umpire shouts "Play ball!"
Again the bleachers fill.
Again the routing motor roars.
His losing team uphill.
Again the umpire calls "Strike one!"
Again the pitcher smiles;
Again the batsman swats the ball,
And drives it seven miles.

Again the catcher draws a pass,
And amble down to first.
Again the umpire gets a crack,
And hears the bleachers howl.
Again McCarthy steals for home
And slides in on his cap.
And all these indications figure
The baseball season's here.
—Somerville Journal.

MEN AND THINGS.

Needles were first made in 1545; a man could then make about ten a day. Today, in England and the United States, there are 200,000,000 needles made every year.

The fondest strata of air are, of course, at the ground level, and at 90 feet or so above the ground, where, seemingly, all the smoke and fumes of factories, etc., linger for the longest time.

It is a matter of record in most cities that 75 per cent. of the detected crimes are committed by intoxicated persons, and that the majority of crimes and robberies are committed by young fellows between the ages of 15 and 25.

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Bertucci Arbitration.—Messrs. Robt. Beaven, E. Crow-Baker and Gavin Burns, the arbitrators in connection with the arbitrations of the Canadian fair are asked to meet at Assembly hall, Fort street, on Monday next, May 19th, at 2:30 p. m.

"Made in Canada" Fair.—All those on committees or otherwise interested in holding the "Made in Canada" fair are asked to meet at Assembly hall, Fort street, on Monday next, May 19th, at 2:30 p. m.

Song Service.—Tomorrow evening the choir of the First Congregational church will give another song service instead of the regular preaching service, when they will be assisted by Mrs. A. G. McCandless, Mr. Waddington and Mr. and Mrs. Westcott.

Not the McKee Cup.—The football cup mentioned yesterday as having been taken down to Victoria is the McKee cup, which was subscribed for by the citizens of Nanaimo a dozen years ago. The McKee cup, of course, is the Rugby football trophy, and is at present held by Vancouver.

New Placer Discovery.—According to the Skagway Alaskan of April 20th: "A placer discovery was made on McIntyre creek, within three miles of White Horse, last week, and by Monday morning thirty claims had been staked. The panning on the creek revealed deposits of gold, copper and molybdenum. McIntyre creek drains some of the best copper properties in the White Horse district."

Revisiting Familiar Scenes.—The Rev. Charles R. Baskett, vicar of Bristow, England, is revisiting British Columbia, and was in Nanaimo for a day or two early in the week. The vicar, who is a man who was formerly a resident of this province doing clerical duty here from 1875 to 1882. At a time when there was no settled arrangement, he took services in St. Paul's church, Nanaimo, but declined to accept the incumbency. He will make a holiday of a year's duration in the province.

Yukon at St. Louis.—The Skagway Daily Alaskan of April 20th: "Willson Foster, known as the quartz king of Klondike, arrived from Dawson last night en route to the World's Fair at St. Louis. He has with him about 20,000 specimens of placer and mineral from the Yukon, besides a fine collection of mastodon bones and other curios to exhibit at St. Louis. Mr. Foster will publish a weekly paper at St. Louis which will be finely illustrated with half-tone engravings."

Fine Fruit Exhibit.—The arrangements for fruit exhibits in connection with the approaching fall fair have been left entirely in the hands of the Vancouver Island Fruit Growers' Association, the secretary of which is W. P. Grant. The latter, who is a prominent rancher at Gordon Head, promises a display that will excel those of previous years. The crops, he says, are looking well, particularly the strawberries. Regarding the latter, he says that there would be 100 tons more berries raised in the districts outside of Victoria this season than last year. The fruit would also be of a finer quality. Mr. Grant has great confidence in the value of the exhibit as a fruit raiser, and expresses the opinion that the products of local farmers should rival those raised by the mainland fruit growers.

The Edison.—One particularly noticeable point about the programme at the Edison is that this week is not a week or dull moment from the time it starts until the curtain drops on the pictures. Black & Rogers have no equals as black face comedians and dancers. The "Bill Crockett" is a unique novelty. The Mazziattos are a whole show in themselves. Walter Kellogg does the best work, singing the pretty song, "I Want My Manina." Since he started and the moving picture, "The Great Train Robbery" is the funniest probably ever seen here. This picture is a real treat, particularly for the children, all of whom should be given an opportunity to see it this afternoon at 2:45, when two shows will be given. The evening starting at 8 p. m. sharp and performances will be given just as long as the people keep coming.

Use for Smelter Slag.—For the purpose of inspecting a certain grade of smelter slag at Ladysmith, with a view of employing that material in the construction of cycle paths in the city, Col. T. H. Tracy, the city engineer of Vancouver, is visiting that point. The slag is also being used for the construction of the many miles of new cement sidewalks which are to be laid in Vancouver this year. While in Ladysmith Colonel Tracy will inspect several paths in that vicinity which have been made from this slag, and also ascertain the cost of transport of the material. In case the smelter slag is not deemed suitable, it is Colonel Tracy's intention to ascertain the extent of several beds of clam shells which have recently been discovered near Ladysmith. The material would make an ideal surface dressing for a cycle path, provided the cost of transportation is not too high.

Manual Training.—Asked how work under his charge was progressing H. H. Dunning, superintendent of manual training in British Columbia, who has just arrived in the city, said through the province it was going on splendidly. He had given the usual courses of drawing and modeling at a number of the normal schools, and also supervised the teachers and been able to gain a thorough knowledge of the subjects, and were now instructing the pupils of the various schools. The practical work of manual training had been taken up by the normal schools, and he was very pleased because of the expense attached to it. Mr. Dunning, however, reports that the intention of New Westminster authorities is to establish a centre in the Royal City at an early date. He expects that operations would commence at the beginning of next term. In Nanaimo considerable enthusiasm is being evidenced in manual training.

Resolution of Condolence.—At a meeting of the directors of the Ocean and Peace River Mining Company held on Wednesday evening last the following resolution was passed: "Moved by Mr. T. A. Ker and seconded by Mr. Osborne Baker and resolved that the directors of the Ocean and Peace River Mining Company, Ltd., having learned with sorrow of the death of their collector, the Hon. Senator James Reid, desire to place on record their appreciation of his high character and well-known financial ability, and that they will be surprised to find that Reid always took the deepest interest in the affairs of the company, giving it the benefit of his wide experience as a practical miner as well as that of a financier. The directors feel that the company has sustained a heavy loss, and will be difficult to replace. The directors desire to tender to Mrs. Reid their profound sympathy in her bereavement." The secretary was instructed to forward to Mrs. Reid a copy of the resolution.

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Resignation Accepted.—The resignation by the Rev. E. G. Taylor of his charge of St. Andrew's church, Alberni, has been accepted by the Presbytery of Victoria.

Addition to Library.—The city librarian has received from Andrew Carnegie a work of Hugo Grotius, "The Rights of War and Peace." It is a valued acquisition to the library shelves.

Nursery Stock.—The provincial fruit inspector at Vancouver is busily engaged in making an examination of a second carload of nursery stock which has just arrived from Toronto. To conform to regulations, all stock intended for distribution in British Columbia must first be inspected and fumigated in Vancouver. By this method all infected trees are discovered and destroyed. The stock at present here is intended for various parts of the interior.

Asylum Report.—The report of the Provincial Hospital for the Insane for last month shows the following figures: 362 patients in hospital at beginning of month; 15 admitted during the month; 3 returned from probation; 2 discharged without probation; 5 discharged on probation; 8 died; making a total of 368 in hospital at the close of the month. 10 on probation, leaving a total of 378 under treatment.

Concert at Canteen.—On Thursday evening a concert which, for the excellent rendering of all the numbers on the program, was a real treat, and credit to a first-class combination of professionals, was given in the canteen at Esquimalt by the men of the Bonaventure and Shearwater. The rousing cheers and the hearty singing of "They Are Jolly Good Fellows" at the conclusion, bore witness that their efforts had been appreciated by their comrades.

Lake Rates Cancelled.—All rates and freight tariffs on the great lakes were cancelled by an order made yesterday which went into effect at once. The cause was the inability of the owners of lake steamers to conclude what they consider equitable arrangements with the carriers and agents in the service. On that account the owners were unable to inaugurate the usual summer service, which was just ready to begin through the breaking up of the ice. The cancellation of the rates, which were agreed upon only a few days ago, affects all the railway lines operating lake steamers.

Songsters' Reserve.—A committee of the city council, consisting of Aldermen Stewart, Oddy and Kinsman, and the committee of the board of trade, consisting of C. H. Lagura, T. W. Patterson, M. P. P. H. D. Helmeke, K. C., Joshua Kingham and W. J. Hanna, at their meeting yesterday afternoon, decided to form a joint committee to deal with the matter of attempting to effect a settlement of the Songsters' reserve question. Mr. Lagura was appointed chairman and F. Elworthy secretary. A committee will be held in the future. Mr. Cooper at once, so as to ascertain the exact status of the case.

The Celebration.—For two days running endeavors have been made to hold meetings of the finance committee of the Victoria Day celebration. On Thursday one gentleman turned up, yesterday the attendance was better, but there were not sufficient present to transact any business. The meeting had perforce to adjourn until Monday afternoon at 4:30. This meeting will be held at Secretary Morphy's office over the Imperial Bank, and all members are urged to attend. Collectors are requested to report all moneys collected at noon on Monday at the secretary's office. The finance committee meets at 4:30 the appropriations can be made.

The Canadian Eagle.—Another addition has been made to the ranks of "Canadian" fraters in the publication of the British Columbia series for whose benefit the new publication is issued under the title of the Canadian Eagle. It is a bright sixteen-page monthly, published in Victoria. The first number, just issued, contains a frontispiece an excellent portrait of Mr. R. S. Parsons, the provincial deputy grand president for British Columbia, while on the next page is a lengthy biographical sketch of the same. The presentation of all he has done for the order and the manner in which his services have been recognized on several occasions.

Bevran & Booth, Painters and Decorators, 52 Fort street, have been awarded the contract for the renovation and doing over of the Grotto saloon, Tronche avenue. It is the intention of the management of this old and favorite resort to make it one of the most handsome and attractive places of its kind in the city, and to accomplish which they could not have entrusted it to better hands than Bevran & Booth, as the work will consist principally of fine art work and hand decoration. Mr. Bevran's business having increased to such an extent during the past twelve months he has found it necessary to take into partnership with him Mr. Sydney Booth, who for some years held a position with Messrs. Simon Leiser & Co., Yates street.

Lighting Our Coasts.—An agitation has been started in Vancouver looking to inducing the Dominion government to construct additional light-houses on this coast. The News-Advertiser says: "In view of the large sum that British Columbia contributes to the federal revenue, in the shape of customs and excise dues, fishery licenses and other items, we have a strong claim on the Dominion government for such expenditure as this. Shipping is increasing on this coast, and both the foreign and coasting trades are in their infancy and it is important that everything which tends to make navigation safer and easier, and thereby reduce the risk and the charges for insurance, should be done. The representatives in parliament of Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo, should see to this matter before the present session is closed."


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Jap Immigrants To Be Regulated

United States Officials Object to Landing of Japanese at Victoria.

Alleged That Admission Easier at Canadian Ports Than Across the Line.

A. C. Duddleton, of the United States immigration service, is on the Sound investigating conditions as they exist regarding the entering of Japanese and Chinese immigrants. He is at present in Seattle, and will be in Tacoma and other parts of the Sound before leaving, says the Tacoma News.

Through a roundabout source, it is learned that the immigration department of the United States, in co-operation with the same department in British Columbia, will undertake to improve the present method of admitting Orientals.

It is a well-known fact that fully two-thirds of the Japanese brought across the Pacific are destined for, and finally arrive in, Puget sound cities; yet probably more than two-thirds of them disembark from the steamers either at Victoria or Vancouver, B. C.

The immigration officials of both countries recognize this condition of affairs. It is supposed that the reason it is so is that admission to Canadian ports is made easier than in Puget sound ports and that it is easier for the foreigners to pass across the line by rail or otherwise than it is to pass in at ports where a larger force of inspectors are on hand.

Once the Japanese are in the Puget sound cities, and with their countrymen in these places, there is little likelihood of their being caught up by the department, even if they be undesirable people.

Just what new rulings will be made is uncertain, but it is understood that the two governments will work together to protect each other from undesirable immigrants.

Mr. Duddleton is inspector of immigration in charge for Minnesota and Dakota, with headquarters at Winnipeg. He is said to be one of the best-informed men in the department regarding conditions as they now exist, and for that reason it is believed he is now preparing to make a report and recommendations looking toward the betterment of the conditions as stated.

It is thought likely that steamship

companies bringing in such immigrants will be compelled to bill the immigrants through to their final destination, and that the inspection of immigrants at Canadian and American ports will be made so nearly alike as to make it practically impossible for one who would be undesirable in one country to enter the other.

ICE WENT EARLY.

Nome Shore Was Cleared More Than Two Months Ago.

According to advices received by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the ice broke away from Nome shores on February 22 and moved fifteen miles out to sea. Such an occurrence in the dead of winter is not recalled by any of the pioneers of the district.

News of this freakish action of the sea came in a letter received via the Lynn canal steamer City of Seattle by George Shea, one of Nome's heaviest crabs. The letter to Mr. Shea was dated Nome, February 24. The writer states that the ice first broke half a mile out from shore. Later the rim formation went out. The body went to sea a distance beyond the reach of the human eye, and the shore cleared above and below Nome for many miles.

The main body of ice carried off three men, who were fishing for tomcod. Life-saving boats were despatched to their rescue, and the men were taken off and safely conveyed back to Nome. For a time it was feared that the fishermen were doomed to death. They were badly frightened, but suffered no real injury.

Most favorable reports, Mr. Shea's letter states, were reaching Nome from the Imnachuck, one of the principal gold-bearing tributaries of Kotzebue sound. Similar and confirmatory reports regarding the Imnachuck's riches are contained in several other Nome letters received in this city yesterday and the day previous. Some of the writers predict that the stream will prove as rich as the richest creek in the Nome district proper.

TACOMA WAKING UP.

City of Destiny Wants a Share of Far Northern Trade.

Tacoma News says: If Tacoma merchants who do an Alaska business could together and perfect arrangements looking toward joint shipment of their goods, three of the largest and fastest steamships plying between Puget sound and Nome, St. Michael, Solomon, Cape York and Lost River, will sail from Tacoma on regular schedule this season, provided, of course, that sufficient business, freight and passenger, is offered to justify the movement.

J. D. Frohnm, secretary of the Northwestern Steamship Co., Limited, which recently acquired possession by

purchase of the former Tacoma-Oriental liners Olympia, Victoria and Tacoma, was in the city yesterday, the purpose of his visit being to confer with General Agent Tilling, of the Northern Pacific, who will represent the company as its Tacoma agent.

NORTHERN OPERATORS.

The steamer City of Seattle sailed for Southeastern Alaska yesterday, taking a large crowd of passengers, many of them well-known operators of the Northland. They include Capt. I. N. Hibbard, J. H. Conrad and Capt. D. H. Jarvis. The latter, collector of customs of Alaska, is returning to Sitka, his headquarters. Conrad goes to White Horse to begin the development of copper mine properties owned by himself and Charles D. Lane. Capt. Hibbard's destination is St. Michael. He will stop, however, at Dawson and make a side run to the new Tanana district.

NEW CANNERY STEAMER.

Frisco Boat Sails for the Far Northern Fishing Stations.

The Alaska Packers' Association's new steamer Nushagak started Wednesday from San Francisco on her maiden voyage. Bristol bay is her destination, and she has on board the heads of the different departments in charge of the curing, packing and shipping of the season's salmon catch. During the salmon season the at-ether-times deserted cannery stations are converted into thickly populated, bustling communities. The fishing vessels, some sixty of which are now on the way, carry the bulk of the population, and by the time the managers, assistant managers and other executive officers, who make up the Nushagak's complement of passengers, reach Bristol bay, they will find the beach alive with laborers of all classes, ready to harvest the catch of red-fleshed fish.

In addition to her passengers the Nushagak carries a large cargo of canned supplies, and has on deck two little steamtugs for service at the station.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Titania is due to pass in from Port Los Angeles for Nanaimo for coal tomorrow.

Steamer Volition, San Francisco to Ladysmith, is expected to pass in tomorrow for a coal cargo.

U. S. S. revenue cutter Grant dropped anchor in James bay yesterday afternoon. She is bound south.

Steamer Princess Beatrice and Whatcom are having lots of fun testing speed on the run to Victoria every afternoon. Honors are easy so far.

The steamer Nushagak, out from San Francisco, sprang a leak on the voyage up the coast. The crew of the vessel had to work day and night bailing with buckets to keep the steamer afloat.

The British ship Holt Hill, bound from Hamburg for Oregon, which put into Montevideo a few days ago, in distress, will be repaired at the South American port. The repairs will cost \$14,000, and will be completed in fifty days. In addition to the expense of repairs, \$500 will have to be paid for restoring the cargo.

The little fishing schooner Ella G., Captain Hickey, reported lost, arrived in Tacoma safely Thursday night. Captain Hickey was much disgusted that such alarming reports had been sent out at the weather on the fishing banks had been rough and the fishing poor, but he had no accidents of any kind.

A second cablegram received yesterday by P. M. Studley, Seattle manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, definitely sets the date for the resumption of the Seattle line. It states that the Kanagawa will leave Yokohama June 3 for Seattle. She will make the run across the Pacific in fifteen or sixteen days. The return voyage will start from this port about June 27. By that date another vessel of the line should leave the Orient.

The ship Star of Italy has sailed from San Francisco, bound for the Alaska coast, to deliver mail to the Alaska coast. The vessel is the last of the association's large fleet to put to sea.

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Argument in Favor of Meters

Water Commissioner Raymur, Presents Case From Stand-point of City.

Claims System is Just to Every-body and Unjust to None.

In view of the agitation now in progress in favor of the holding of an inquiry into the status of the water works system of this city, and more particularly in respect to the wisdom of introducing the meter system, the following report of the Water Commissioner, Mr. James L. Raymur, will prove of general interest:

Daily pumping station has run continuously for the whole year, having only been shut down 24 hours for repairs and 31 hours for inspection, showing that the station is in a first class state of repair and efficiency. During the year the water was pumped 415,700,365 gallons, a decrease of 80,187,400 gallons as compared with 1902; this is equal to a daily average of 219,632 gallons less than last year, approximating a daily saving of 11 gallons per head. This caused a saving to be made both in fuel and wear and tear amounting in the former to some \$1,500, and in the latter to some \$1,000, had it not been for the strike which compelled us to use coal during the winter months, during the hardest part of the year, this mode of firing being more expensive than wood and coal combined. This saving may be attributed to three causes: first, the stopping of the leak in the sewer; second, the comparatively cool summer, and lastly, by the extension of

THE METER SYSTEM.

The Yates street station was also operated for half month, during the summer, pumping 11,266,600 gallons to the high levels. In the spring of 1903 the council decided to install 350 more meters, and tenders were invited for their supply. Several different proposals were submitted and after an exhaustive examination the contract was awarded to the Horesey Manufacturing Company of Boston for their design meter type "E", at the price of \$10.70, delivery to be made at the end of the month. The meters arrived in due course and have given the satisfaction that was expected. They have an entirely new metal body, which was one of the principal reasons for their being chosen. It has been found that there is an inherent quality in the Victoria water which causes the galvanized iron bodied meters to rust up very quickly. These meters were installed in the district to the west of the city, and the effect proved was at once apparent, the higher levels were enabled to get water at all times, a thing that never happened before, and the effect on the pumping station has been merely to replace the water used in the district, or about 20 per cent of the total number of services, and I am more than ever convinced that the better will be the supply of water for legitimate purposes.

MR. BULKLEY

In his report on commencing the Victoria water works system in 1873, he takes a consumption of 25 gallons per head per day. Travelling says "Canada" an experience shows that a supply of 50 gallons per capita per day is abundant for all needs, and luxuries of well-to-do families in American cities. The consumption in Victoria has been in the neighborhood of 105 gallons per head per day for 1902 and 95 for 1903. Surely a great part of this extra consumption must have been pure waste, and as such it was clearly the duty of the council and water department to do as much as possible, and this can be done only by the use of meters. The experience has been everywhere that the more water is allowed to be wasted the more will be wasted.

The council has been criticised for establishing a precedent in installing the way in experimenting with meters. This is far from being the case, instead we are only following the example and profiting by the experience of numerous other cities in this continent which have found that the effect of installing a large sum of money in meters and encourage waste, and probably come to meters in the end; or else expend a comparatively small sum in meters and put the consumption on a proper basis. For example, the following cities have from 75 to 100 per cent of their services metered: Columbus, O.; Duluth; Harrisburg, Jacksonville, Minneapolis, Nashville, Rochester, Springfield, Mass.; St. Paul and Syracuse are among the cities having from 50 to 75 per cent of their services metered. Cleveland, O., in 1902, ordered 15,000 meters; in 1903, 15,000 more and by the end of 1904 they hope to have the whole of their 55,000 services metered. They are proceeding on the same lines as we are, namely, to pay for the meters out of current revenue, and not incur any additional debt on that account, and are metering up an entire district at a time. To come to Canada, where there are 4,000 meters and has ordered a further lot of 2,000 with the option of an additional 1,100 on the same contract, and the city engineer only last week wrote me that they intended taking an even more extensive metering, and that a coin has to be placed in the meter.

An enormous head, large mains and an unrestricted supply to every one would not doubt be an idyllic state of affairs for any war works, but how many of them are in this position? Certainly not Victoria; a head of only 185 feet and 223 feet of an elevation to supply must effectively prevent an

UNRESTRICTED SUPPLY.

Exception has also been taken to the "minimum rate," and in this we are only following the universal practice of other cities. The reasons for a minimum rate are twofold—save the "financial" Transiently (surely an unimpeachable authority) says "in order to encourage the liberal use of water, while discouraging its waste, and thus avoid undue economy (tending to inefficient service) and thereby have secured a minimum veridical rate, sufficient to cover amply all the water he

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can possibly use and enjoy." Surely it cannot be said that the meter system is a bad thing, for instance, allows 20 gallons per room per day, which gives a less allowance of water than we do and charges more for it. As for the financial aspect, at present the water works pays its way, and after paying for maintenance, interest, sinking fund and providing for about \$10,000 in the way of construction there is a small balance to be devoted to the general fund of the corporation. If the minimum rate is adopted the boat would probably be on the other foot and from its ordinary revenue the city would have to make up the deficiency with a chance of raising the taxation and further, water rate is the only one that can be raised to a number of people, make it

THE REVENUE

of the city. In concluding this meter subject, I hope that the corporation will still continue the meter system, and not rest until every service is metered. Then, and then only, will perfect justice be done to everyone, and the rate so adjusted that a revenue equal to what is now collected be obtained, only distributed in a more equitable manner. The good supply on the high levels during the past year and the decreased cost both in money and wear and tear on the pumping station, are, to my mind, abundant proof that the meters are achieving the end that was claimed they would do.

In 1891 we had the present 12 inch and 16 inch mains, about 45 miles of pipe, 2,595 services and no sewerage whatever, and the complaints as to shortage of water were very numerous. Today we have exactly the same source of supply, 75 miles of pipe, some 4,500 services and 1,517 sewer connections, also 49 flush tanks, and last year there were fewer complaints about shortage of water than ever. Can any better proof be wanted to show that the water works are in a good condition, and that the introduction of meters has in no small way contributed to this result. Abandon the meter system and what would be the result, the city would have to face the reconstruction of the entire system and 25 per cent of the houses would be without any water at all except during a very few hours a day. Can you do better than again forward the estimate, included in my last year's report showing an estimated expenditure of \$250,000, which sum I am afraid would be difficult to obtain. The laying of a 24-inch main, without any allowance for lateral work, would average about \$27,500 per mile. To expend on this annually, as many persons advocate the same amount as is expended in meters, namely, about \$5,000, would build a mile in five years or over this year would complete the whole work, and what would we be doing in the meantime?

The labor of inspecting and reading the meters at present installed is done in six days every month, and costs, allowing for the remuneration of the clerks, about \$22,500 per month, and the salary, about \$22,500 per month, and the

METERS ARE INSPECTED

at the same time as they are read. Out of nearly 1,000 meters, the average monthly rainfall for the month of May was 12.5, and the greater part of them had only trifling defects. It only takes an extra day and a half to read the meters installed this year.

No land has been purchased during 1903, but next year the portion on part of section 58 at the head of Elk lake will have to be taken up. This contains about 60 acres and the price agreed is \$1,500, of which amount \$335 has already been paid. The city has acquired the piece of land, and the city engineer, as the largest stream entering the lake runs through it.

Six thousand nine hundred and seventy feet of 4 inch pipe were laid during 1903, of this only \$7 feet was new work, the balance being to replace old 1 inch and 2 inch pipe that had been worn out. At the same time 2,100 feet of 2-inch pipe were laid on small streets in the outskirts. Of course it would be better if no pipe less than 4 inches was laid, but in these small streets the 2-inch will be sufficient for some years to come, and it is either this size pipe or no water at all. There is still, however, a large quantity of

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